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If Mr. K. Should Try To Stay, He Should Face One Key Test ^A

Nothing can come of it, of course, but the plan of having Nikita S. Khrushchev taken into custody on his arrival as a war criminal was at least an imaginative, if impractical, idea.

It is not practical because the honor of this nation is at stake in protecting the chief of state and head of government of a foreign nation here on an official visit.

It is imaginative because millions of our people would like nothing better than to see the Red despot get his just desserts.

The idea was hatched by Lyle H. Munson, who served with the Office of Strategic Services and the Central Intelligence Agency.

He would base his action on the verdict of the United Nations that the Soviet Union had violated the Geneva Convention of 1949 in putting down the 1956 anti-Communist uprising in Hungary.

He held Khrushchev personally responsible for sending Soviet troops and tanks to quell the rebellion.

Maybe in the cloak and dagger world in which Munson played a part, agents and counter-agents lure each other into traps from which they do not return.

But not civilized nations.

At least, not since kings were absolute — as Khrushchev is in his own land — and they imprisoned their rivals or liquidated them as soon as they looked at them.

Alas, those things are for the screen now, not real life.

Anyway, one Andersonian put forth the idea a few days ago that Khrushchev may be coming over here with the idea of staying.

For one thing, he's bringing his wife and members of his family.

For another thing, there's no telling what may happen in the Kremlin while he's gone.

If he is booted out while away, and he did seek asylum in this country, Uncle Sam should say:

"Certainly we'll let you stay, but only after we've left you for a couple of hours in a closed room with about 25 Hungarian refugees."

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